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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A keel centralizer, comprising:

- a) a flat keel centralizer body having a central bore extending through said body;
- b) said keel centralizer body including a circumferential flange member defining the perimeter thereof;
- c) at least one opening extending through said keel centralizer body; [[and]]
- d) a bearing ring mounted on said flange member[[.]] ; and
- e) a keel sleeve mounted in a keel support frame, said keel sleeve being adapted for slidably receiving said keel centralizer body, and wherein said keel sleeve is clad with a corrosion resistant material.

2. (original) The keel centralizer of claim 1 wherein said bearing ring includes a radiused profile defining a peripheral contact surface of said keel centralizer.

3. (original) The keel centralizer of claim 2 wherein said bearing ring is fabricated of a non-metallic composite material having a modulus of elasticity less than 30×10^6 .

4. (original) The keel centralizer of claim 3 wherein the modulus of elasticity of said composite material is 0.5×10^6 .

5. (cancelled)

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6. (previously presented) The keel centralizer of claim 2 including a keel sleeve mounted in a keel support frame, said keel sleeve being adapted for slidably receiving said keel centralizer body, said keel sleeve further including a wear resistant coating applied on an internal surface thereof.

7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The keel centralizer of claim 6 wherein said wear resistant coating contains ceramic particles.